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Mr/Mrs Renata Hesse,

I would like to voice my opposition to the microsoft settlement. I feel

that if the courts have found microsoft to be in violation of the antitrust laws, then they should pay a stiff penalty for breaking that

law. I also feel that any resolution that does not allow for stiff penalty will show americans that if you break the law, the only punishment you will get is a penalty, that will allow you to continue

your monopoly. When AT&T and IBM were found to be monopolies, they were broken up and had to pay a stiff penalty for breaking this law.

Microsoft is a monopoly that has hurt competition in many areas. If they

have a product that can withstand the pressures of competition, then

they will show this by the sales of their products. I a consumer, do not

like the fact that if I buy a system and don't want microsoft on it, I

still have to pay the price as if it was present on the system.

Resellers, manufacturers, still have to pay microsoft and that cost is

push on to customers like myself.

Also according to reports that microsoft may have to put system's into poorer schools would further it's monopoly, this is a very bad decision

and I for one, would not be happy about it. Also I feel that microsoft

should as part of their punishment, have to purchase systems with other

OS's and put them for free into the poorer school districts. This would

be a fair solution. And have to pay the government back all that it spent to prosecute them for their crime, and break up the company

Did you know that if microsoft continues it's monopoly, that it will

control most of the data on every server, and that microsoft can at it's

decretion, do whatever it feels necessary with that data. Would you be comfortable in knowing that all your personal data belongs to microsoft and that you may have to pay large amounts to retrieve this data, and also that the servers it sits on, because of the Microsoft OS is not secure allowing terrorist and any hacker to obtain this information.

Would the Government like to know that it's top secret information is

controlled by microsoft and that anyone may have access to that information. If you feel comfortable with knowing that a corporate company has control over all data on the internet and private networks,

and can do with it what it wants, then you are sadly mistaken. What are we showing our children about the law, when a company that has committed

a crime, is let off with a slap on the wrist and has successfully controlled the U.S. Government and let them know that they cannot do

anything with microsoft because it rules this country and not our Government.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this, I hope that by voicing my opinion it will not fall on deaf ears.

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